

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE

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Honorable Ann H. Kobayashi
Interim Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Madame Chair:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Welfare, which considered Resolution 19-95 entitled:

"URGING THE CITY'S ADMINISTRATION TO INCLUDE MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT PROGRAMS AS PART OF ITS EFFORT TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS,"

introduced on April 18, 2019, reports as follows:

The purpose of Resolution 19-95 is to urge the City Administration to include medication-assisted treatment programs as part of its efforts to address homelessness.

The Director of Community Services and the Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Housing testified in support of the resolution.

Lieutenant Governor Green provided an informational briefing on homelessness and initiatives to address chronic homelessness.

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Your Committee considered and approved a proposed hand-carried CD1 that makes the following amendments:

- A. Amends the title of the Resolution to read as follows:

URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO ~~[INCLUDE]~~ SUPPORT STATE MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT PROGRAMS AS PART OF ITS ~~[EFFORT]~~ ACTIONS TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS.

- B. Amends the first "Whereas" clause to read as follows:

WHEREAS, the City Administration has established an overall solution strategy noting that ~~[the only]~~ permanent solutions to homelessness require ~~[is through the]~~ provision of housing and ~~[an]~~ effective support systems, ~~[and the only way this which can be achieved is]~~ established through the City and County of Honolulu ("City"), State of Hawaii ("State"), Hawaii's healthcare and service providers working closely together; and

- C. Amends the "Resolved" clause to read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu, that this body urges the City Administration, in coordination with other City agencies, healthcare and ~~[their]~~ service providers, State and federal agencies, and public and private stakeholders, to ~~[incorporate]~~ support the State's development of medication-assisted treatment programs to increase the number of treatment beds and services available for those who are chronically homeless and have severe substance use disorders; and

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- D. Amends the first "Further Resolved" clause to read as follows:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council that enforcement actions undertaken by the City [~~shall be done in coordination with properly regulated~~] should be coordinated with State-initiated medical intervention services, [~~as part of~~] in conjunction with the City's multi-jurisdictional effort to address homelessness; and

- E. Amends the second "Further Resolved" clause to read as follows:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council that the City Administration shall provide an annual report to the Council regarding benchmarks utilized to address homelessness as well as relevant data on [~~the outcomes of~~] city enforcement [~~efforts~~] actions and state-initiated medication-assisted treatment programs, with the first report due no later than December 31, 2019; and

- F. Amends the "Finally Resolved" clause to add the Lieutenant Governor, State Homeless Coordinator and Department of Public Safety of the State of Hawaii to the list of recipients of the resolution.

- G. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

Your Committee on Public Safety and Welfare received public testimony from one individual in support of the resolution and written testimony from one individual in support of the resolution.

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Your Committee on Public Safety and Welfare is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 19-95, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as Resolution 19-95, CD1. (Ayes: Formby, Anderson, Elefante, Fukunaga (temporary voting member) - 4; Noes: None; Excused: Manahan, Menor, Pine - 3.)

Respectfully submitted,



Committee Chair

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RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO SUPPORT STATE MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT PROGRAMS AS PART OF ITS ACTIONS TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS.

WHEREAS, the City Administration has established an overall solution strategy noting that permanent solutions to homelessness require provision of housing and effective support systems, established through the City and County of Honolulu ("City"), State of Hawaii ("State"), and Hawaii's healthcare and service providers working closely together; and

WHEREAS, five strategies — systems approach, data-driven, evidence-based and best practices, affordable housing, and community engagement — were implemented by the City with a long-term commitment by the entire community to ending homelessness, and not merely managing it, by embracing our community responsibility to truly help and care for the homeless; and

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2018, the Council adopted Resolution 18-158, FD1, requesting the Mayor's Office of Housing and the Department of Community Services ("DOS"), in collaboration with other City agencies and their service providers, State and federal agencies, and public and private stakeholders, to prepare and provide an update on the status of the City Administration's action plan addressing the concentrations of homeless persons in the City; and

WHEREAS, with the assistance of the City Council, the City Administration developed and submitted an updated action plan (Departmental Communication 650 (2018)), addressing the public health and safety issues associated with concentrations of homeless persons in each of the nine City Council districts; and

WHEREAS, the plan outlines the 12 priorities for addressing homelessness on an island-wide basis, including "to collaborate with community partners to provide human services, including healthcare and supportive services"; and

WHEREAS, medication-assisted treatment ("MAT") is considered the gold standard of care for treatment of individuals suffering from opioid-use disorder ("OUD"), which affects many individuals in our community, including those who are homeless and incarcerated; and



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WHEREAS, MAT involves the use of FDA-approved pharmaceutical medications, including methadone, buprenorphine and naltrexone, in combination with counseling, behavioral therapy, and other interventions for the treatment of OUD and other substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, through its Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, provides monetary grants to numerous jurisdictions across the United States to expand or enhance treatment systems that improve access to evidence-based MAT services; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu, that this body urges the City Administration, in coordination with other City agencies, healthcare and service providers, State and federal agencies, and public and private stakeholders, to support the State's development of medication-assisted treatment programs to increase the number of treatment beds and services available for those who are chronically homeless and have severe substance use disorders; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council that enforcement actions undertaken by the City should be coordinated with State-initiated medical intervention services, in conjunction with the City's multi-jurisdictional effort to address homelessness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council that the City Administration shall provide an annual report to the Council regarding benchmarks utilized to address homelessness as well as relevant data on City enforcement actions and state-initiated medication-assisted treatment programs, with the first report due no later than December 31, 2019; and



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No. 19-95, CD1

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Housing, the Director of the Department of Community Services, the Chief of Police of the City and County of Honolulu, and the Lieutenant Governor, State Homeless Coordinator and Department of Public Safety of the State of Hawaii.

INTRODUCED BY:

Michael Formby

Carol Fukunaga

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

April 18, 2019
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers